

REMARKS

Claims 7-18 remain in the application. All of the claims were rejected under Section 102 based on the Hall reference (U.S. 20030208493). Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly distinguish over the prior art. The Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejections in view of those amendments and the following remarks.

In order to reject the claims it must be demonstrated that every feature presented in the claims can be found in the prior art. With respect to the claims as examined in the most recent Office Action, it is submitted that there is neither anticipation nor obviousness of applicants' claimed subject matter. However, to more clearly avoid possible ambiguity which has led to a rejection based on the Hall reference, the independent claims have each been amended to now expressly recite managing data in a source file of the type from which data may be extracted for use in an application wherein the source file data is described by an extensible markup language.

According to claim 7, which requires "structuring the data in the form of objects, wherein components of the objects can be stored in first files" and "providing a second file having a first mechanism ...for storing and selectively directly accessing the objects ..." there is provided a "hierarchical structuring of object complexes ... among a plurality of files to enable a reading-in tool to pass over or avoid having to read or process portions of the source file data when seeking other portions of the source file data for use in the application."

It is respectfully submitted that none of the art of record so much as suggests these features. For at least these reasons or reasons similar thereto, each of the claims 7, 11 and 15, and the claims which depend therefrom, define subject matter that is distinct and not obvious over the prior art.

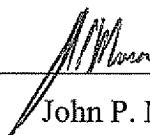
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Conclusion

For all of these reasons, the claims are patentable and the application should be passed to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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